

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:221
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STD/ISD FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of STD/ISD Internet/Fax /E.Mail etc. facilities provided or proposed to be provided in various Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu during the year 2002-2003;
- (b) the Gram Panchayats where the above mentioned facilities are not available; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): 121 out of 17899 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu have been provided with STD facilities as on 31.01.2003. STD/ISD/FAX facilities are being provided to Gram Panchayats on demand. Internet facilities can be accessed from all Gram Panchayats through the Internet Nodes at the District Headquarters. E-mail facility is available through the Internet.